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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS, GOC AGENCIES CRACK MAJOR DRUG CASES

1. COLOMBIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES LAST WEEK SOLVED TWO MAJOR NARCOTICS CASES UNRELATED RPT UNRELATED TO "OPERATION KITCHEN", WHICH OFFICIALLY ENDED MARCH 1.

2. THE FIRST CASE--EXTENSIVELY REPORTED BY THE LOCAL PRESS EARLY LAST WEEK--INVOLVED THE DISCOVERY OF A LARGE CLANDESTINE COCAINE LABORATORY NEAR BUCARAMANGA. THE INVESTIGATION WAS LED BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, WHICH DEVELOPED INFORMATION ON THE LABORATORY AS A RESU
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OF ENEQUIRES INTO A KIDNAPPING-EXTORTION RACKET. TIPPED BY AN INFORMANT, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE--WHICH HEADS-UP COMBINED DAS-NATIONAL POLICE-MILITARY KIDNAP SQUADS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY--RAIDED THE LAB SITE AND ARRESTED SEVERAL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE LEADER

OF THE KIDNAP/TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. RESIDUE ON THE LAB EQUIPMENT WAS FOUND UPON ANALYSIS TO CONTAIN 85 PERCENT PURE COCAINE.

3. THE SECOND CASE--A COOPERATIVE DEA-DAS EFFORT--RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF A RECORD HIGH 80 TONS RPT TONS OF MARIJUANA IN THE GUAJIRIA REGION. DAS NARCOTICS SQUAD DETECTIVES, WORKING WITH DEA UNDERCOVER AGENTS AND INFORMANTS, ALSO ARRESTED 13 SUSPECTS

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